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BOTANICAL COLLECTIONS OF THE WOOD YUKON EXPEDITIONS OF 1939-1941

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DURING the period of 1935-1941 four expeditions under the leadership of Mr. Walter A. Wood, of the American Geographical Society of New York, have entered the St. Elias Range in the Yukon Territory, Canada. These expeditions, sponsored by the Geographical Society, have had as their objective the carrying out of a program of aerial surveying and mapping of the range, centering around the area drained by Wolf Creek Glacier.

In addition to the surveying and mapping, meteorological observations were conducted during all expeditions,¹ geological investigations were made in 1941 and a program of active mountaineering was carried out. Mt. Steele (16,644 ft.) was climbed in 1935² and Mt. Equinox (9,970 ft.) in 1936. In 1939 an attempt on Mt. Wood (15,880 ft.) failed due to the prevalence of bad weather³. This, together with Mt. Walsh (14,780 ft.), was successfully ascended in the summer of 1941⁴.

It was the good fortune of the author to accompany the 1939 and 1941 expeditions, during which botanical collections were made. The writer makes no pretence of being a botanist, nor

¹ The accumulated field data are on file at the American Geographical Society.

² W. A. Wood: The Wood Yukon Expedition of 1935: An Experiment in Photographic Mapping, *Geographical Review*, Vol. 26, 1936, pp. 228-246. *American Alpine Journal* 1936.

³ *American Alpine Journal* 1940: An Attempt on Mt. Wood, St. Elias Range, by Foresta Hodgson Wood.

⁴ W. A. Wood: The Parachuting of Expedition Supplies: An Experiment by the Wood Yukon Expedition of 1941, *Geographical Review*, Vol. 32, 1942, pp. 36-45. *American Alpine Journal* 1942.